(d) A proposal has been received from the State Government for starting 150 vocational sections in 50 schools during 1993-94. However, this proposal will be considered when the State Government starts the sections previously sanctioned.

Training of Teachers in Punjab

2326. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mass orientation programme for training teachers was undertaken by Government in 1987—92;

(b) if so, the number of teachers trained so far from Punjab under the scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that during 1992-93 less teachers from Punjab were trained; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The Programme of Mass Orientation of School Teachers (PMOST) was organised during the period 1986—90.

(b) 65288 teachers from Punjab were trained under this programme.

(d) The programme was discontinued in 1990.

(c) Does not arise.

Non-formal Education Scheme in Punjab

2327. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to unstarred question 745 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1993 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for non-introduction of non-formal education in Punjab;

(b) whether Government propose to start the scheme; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The Scheme of Non-formal Education provides for coverage of 10 Educationally Backward States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and also urban slums, hilly, desert and tribal areas and areas of concentration of working children in all other States/UTs. The State Government of Punjab has not so far sent any proposal to introduce this scheme in the State of Punjab. A decision can be taken as per the prescribed norms of the scheme as and when proposals are received from the Government of Punjab.

Schools covered under Operation Blackboard in M.P.

2328. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary schools in Madhya Pradesh which were provided essential facilities under the scheme Operation Blackboard;

(b) what is the total number of blocks covered during 92-93 in the State; and

(c) how many blocks are likely to be covered under the scheme during 93-94?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) 64722

(b) 114

(c) All the 459 blocks have already been covered in Madhya Pradesh under the scheme.

Yoga in Schools of Madhya Pradesh

2329. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a centrally sponsored scheme of Yoga in schools was formulated in April, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the main features of this scheme; and

(c) the extent to which this scheme has been introduced in Madhya Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Introduction of Yoga in Schools was formulated